



Raymond Kounovsky

October 13, 1946 - January 7, 2020

Raymond Lee Kounovsky
Kearney Resident, 73

KEARNEY - Raymond Lee Kounovsky, 73, of Kearney passed away Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 11, 2020 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with the Rev. John Gosswein officiating. Burial services will be held at a later date. The family will receive family and friends 5:00 to 7:00pm Friday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Raymond was born on Oct. 13, 1946, in Lynch to John and Mildred (Wright) Kounovsky. He grew up on a farm West of Verdigre and attended Stoney Butte Grade School. He loved hunting and helping his dad on the farm and with construction. He had a special fondness for fishing with his Grandpa Wright. He loved football, basketball and was chosen for state in baseball. He graduated from Verdigre High School, attended Wayne State College and completed his hours at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Ray entered the U.S. Marine Corps in 1965. He served our country in Vietnam for 19 months as an infantry radio operator until 1969, taking one leave to return to the States and marry the love of his life.

He married Sonia M. Prokop on September 3, 1967. They lived in California

and several Nebraska communities throughout their 52 year marriage. He worked at the Norfolk Regional Center, Iowa Beef and Beemer Hardware prior to self-employment. The majority of his life he worked as a surveyor for the Bureau of Reclamation and for the Nebraska Department of Roads. He had a special interest in firearms and hunting and was a wonderful cook. He was a proficient appliance repairman, Assistant Scoutmaster and hunter safety instructor. He was deeply devoted to his family and to the Lord.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sonia of Kearney; children, Jason (Stephanie) Kounovsky of Kearney, Morgan (Kristina) Kounovsky of Grand Island and Bethany (Larry) Spargo of Albuquerque, NM; mother, Mildred Kounovsky of Clay Center; siblings, Jim (Lori) Kounovsky and Sandra (Larry) Beach; in-laws, Lyle and Carolyn Larsen and Gerain and Laura Spatz; grandchildren, Tobias and Brandon Kounovsky, Zachary and Cody Kounovsky and Adrick Spargo; step-grandchildren, Ryu (Maria) Eakes, Shelbi Hopkins, Chesni Fread-Gammon, Jessica and McKenna Pafford and Racheal Spargo; great-grandchildren, Amaya Eakes, Felicia Drumheller and Xavier Thompson; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Kounovsky; in-laws, Robert and Irene Sperstad; and brother-in-law, Junior Pavlik.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Family receiving friends

JAN **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
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Memorial Service

JAN **11**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Kounovsky*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Enjoyed knowing Ray. Semper Fi! From Frank Vondras*

Frank Vondras - January 12, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ *It's been decades since I've visited with Ray, since we moved away from Ord. Yet I still have some warm memories of Ray tucked away in a special place for safe keeping. He was a great guy. Sonia, Morgan, Jason, and Bethany...I'm praying for y'all though this difficult time...especially you, Sonia. Fifty-two years is a long time. I can imagine the weight of grief that must be bearing down on you. Be gentle with yourself as you work through the grief. I live in Kearney now, so if you need a hug or a listening ear or a padded shoulder to cry on, you can contact me through Morgan on FB or at Reception at the new veterans' home in Kearney. Love you!*

Michelle Yeutter - January 10, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ *John and Julianne Spatz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond Kounovsky.*



John and Julianne Spatz - January 10, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Kounovsky.*



January 10, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ *Sonia....we're so very to sorry to hear of Rays passing. He was a wonderful person and I'll be forever grateful for all you (both) did for me.
He is now free and singing with the angels. Rest in Peace dear one...we'll all miss you.
Skip (Classmate 1964) & Veronica Dittrick*

VERONICA DITTRICK - January 09, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ *Jason, I was so sorry to read you lost your Dad. I hope you have wonderful memories of him and those will comfort you as you continue without him. Our thoughts and prayers go to you and your family. Cheryl & Duane Kuhnel*

Cheryl Kuhnel - January 09, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Kounovsky.*



January 09, 2020 at 04:52 PM

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“ *Sonia, so sorry to hear about Ray. Hugs from LuAnn and I. Ray was such a wonderful man and always so positive. He was one of the good guys in life who always brought a smile to everyone he came in contact with. We are praying for you and the kids. Once again, so sorry to hear about Ray. John Watson*

John Watson - January 09, 2020 at 09:59 AM

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“ *Sonia & Family.....words cannot describe my sorrow for all of you at this difficult time. Ray was 'one of those good guys' that I knew from childhood until recent years when distance kept us apart. He had the keenest sense of humor on top of a true sense of who he was, where he was and who he was with! I will always treasure that dry wit and also the just plain friendship that I had with him during those years. I can't fathom what it will be like without him, but know that God has a grand plan for him as well as his family in years to come. So Sorry....my deepest condolences....Lynn Dvorak*

Lynn D Dvorak - January 08, 2020 at 08:17 PM